

## DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Townsend's Solitaire How many? 1Location? app. 1 1/4 m. SW of Wash TA in Cherokee Co.Type of habitat? Cedar Tree's, Timber, River RidgeWhen? date(s): 2-23-97 time: 10:30 to 11:00Who? your name and address: Rob Thelen 1744 Salinger, Carroll, IA 51401others with you: Joe Clark, Marty Thelen, Wes Thelenothers before or after you: Peter Erzen

Describe the bird(s) including only what you observed. Include size, shape, details of all parts (bill, eye, head, neck, back, wing, tail, throat, breast, belly, under tail, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior.

Was playing Solitaire Tape when a bird appear on the top of a 30ft high tree. The was standing vertical and making a single peeping sound. This bird had a well defined white eye ring, overall gray appearance, white edging on the sides of tail. The bird size was about like a slender Robin. The bird was very active flying around the tops of trees and branches of a Oak tree. Flight was very similar to Flycatchers.

Similar species and how eliminated: Came to Solitaire TapeDid any one disagree or have reservations about identification? No

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment:

Sunny, 20 yds. ests Wind River 8x42 bino.Bushnell Discovery scope

Previous experience with species and similar ones:

Brothers: Ed and Marty saw one 2 years ago

References and persons consulted before writing description:

Ed Thelen, Peter ErzenHow long before field notes made? 10 mins this form completed? 8 hrs.MAIL TO: F. H. Kent, Field Reports Editor, 211 Richards Street, Iowa City IA 52240